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Smallpox at Seaford, Del.

WILMINGTON, DEL., *March 25, 1901.*

SIR: There are 53 cases of varioloid at Seaford, Del.; 20 are under treatment; the others are over it. Most of the cases are mild, and, with the exception of 8 or 9, they are colored people. Quarantine, disinfection, and vaccination are thoroughly carried out, and no deaths have occurred. One physician attends to all cases, and I hope it will be speedily stamped out, though the contagion will, of course, linger for awhile. I examined the cases with a member of the board.

Respectfully,

ALEX. LOWBER, M. D.,
Secretary.

A case of smallpox on the steamship Orcadian at Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, ME., *March 27, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a case of varioloid was found yesterday on the British steamship *Orcadian* (carrying freight only), just arrived from Glasgow. The patient, a cattleman, and the remaining 9 cattlemen will be transferred to-day to the city pesthouse. Disinfection of infected quarters on the ship will be carried out. The captain alone will be allowed to come ashore. Unloading and reloading will proceed and the ship is expected to sail on April 2.

Respectfully,

S. D. BROOKS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., March 24, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command national quarantine service on Delaware River and Bay, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels:

March 20, 1901, American schooner *James W. Elwell*, from Cienfuegos, via Casilda, with sugar, no passengers. Cienfuegos bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Trotter; Casilda bill of health signed by Acting Assistant Surgeon Cantero.

March 21, 1901, American barge S. O. Co. No. 81, from Havana, with molasses, no passengers; 1 case acute enteritis certified in bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan.

March 21, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Helga*, from Matanzas, with sugar, no passengers; bill of health signed by Passed Assistant Surgeon Guitéras.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *March 30, 1901.*

SIR: The following-named vessels entered during the week ended this day at this port from the ports named: March 25, American barkentine *Good News*, from Rio de Janeiro, with coffee. March 28, American bark *Dom Pedro II*, from Santos, with coffee; British steamship *Sir W. T. Lewis*, from Daiquiri, with ore. March 29, Norwegian steamship

Iberia, from Banes, with fruit ; Norwegian steamship *Frey*, from Daiquiri, with ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., March 23—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit herewith the following summary of work at this station for the week ended March 23, 1901: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 195; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 42; inspection of immigrants, 65; disinfection of baggage, blankets, clothing, etc., 31 pieces; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 317 pieces; disinfection of Pullman linen, 3,180 pieces; vaccination of immigrants and children, 10.

In detention, man and wife (Americans). Husband had recently confluent smallpox, still in the pustular stage. Will detain them for about twenty days. Before permitted entrance into the United States will have to give them a bath of bichloride of mercury, 1-2000, and have their old clothing burned.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., March 26, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for week ended March 16, 1901: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons inspected on trains entered, 440; immigrants inspected and entered, 55; Pullman Company linen on Mexican sleepers disinfected, 4,885 pieces.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.